

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*UTILITY PATENT*

Applicant:	Tipirneni, Kishore	Docket No.	51491.0117
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Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE FIXATION OF BONE FRACTURES	Examiner:	Javier Blanco

**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In timely reply to the non-final Office Action dated March 4, 2008, please consider the following Amendments and Remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this document.